

# Civil Rights Lawyer Charged at Hill Hearing

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Arthur Kinoy is a little man, just 64 inches tall and 170 pounds heavy. So it didn't take much to grab him by the neck, drag him two flights down to the street and put him into a paddy wagon.

But the U.S. marshals had a bigger handful than they bargained for in attorney Kinoy, 45, a scrappy veteran of many a civil liberties war. Yesterday afternoon the fighting mad lawyer, weary and harassed after two hours at Metropolitan Police Headquarters, announced that he intends suing everyone involved, from Rep. Joe Pool (D-Tex.) and his House Un-

American Activities subcommittee down to the police privates who took his fingerprints and picture and charged him with disorderly conduct.

Kinoy was ejected from the Caucus Room of the Carron House Office Building in a dispute over the right to cross-examine a witness who was testifying about the anti-Vietnam war movement. Kinoy insisted on being permitted to intervene on behalf of his client, who was being mentioned in the witness' testimony.

"I'm furious," Kinoy said. "There's a very thin line between this sort of thing and Beuchenwald and the men

when threw people into gas chambers.

"My action will be one thing, but it's Congress that must do something about this. It's the most horrible distortion of the majesty of this body that its mantle of authority is placed over this brutal conduct."

There was some evidence yesterday that the treatment of the attorney may trigger a reaction in Congress. Rep. James Scheuer (D-N.Y.) a classmate of Kinoy at Fieldston High School in New York and a longtime friend, called the incident "an absolute outrage." He said he intends making a speech on the sub-

ject on the House floor at noon today.

The bespectacled attorney, a professor of Constitutional law at Rutgers University, said the hearing room incident adds to his fears that the Nation is on the brink of a new McCarthyism.

"There is a definite chill beginning to develop," he said. "It shows up in my practice, which over the last four years has been 99 per cent civil rights cases. Now there is developing again civil liberties cases for the first time since 1952 and 1953.

Kinoy, a partner in the New York firm of Kuntsler, Kuntsler and Kinoy, was in the

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vanguard of civil liberties litigation during the McCarthy era, and in recent years has participated in at least 1000 civil rights cases throughout the South.

It was one of these, involving two civil rights activists in New Orleans, that laid the groundwork of the current court test, masterminded by Kinoy and his firm, aimed at abolishing the House Un-American Activities Committee.

Kinoy, a Harvard College and Columbia Law School graduate, is the kind of attorney who manages to reconcile a tough pragmatism with an idealistic view of the world.

He takes no position on the political views of the young radicals he is defending, but is adamant that they be free to express their opinions.

"The most important thing," he said, "is that there be a free and open opportunity to voice opinion on controversial questions. Unless the channels remain open we will not be able to discuss the most difficult problems of our national life.

"I'm committed to the premise that a democracy is based upon the ultimate right of the people of the country to make their own decisions on any question. If I'm wrong about that I'm wrong about everything."